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REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to better define the invention in terms of a DMD process of the type wherein a laser beam is focused onto a workpiece to create a melt pool into which powder is injected. This fully distinguishes over the Jang/Bradbury combination, assuming this combination is justified, since the process of Jang utilizes droplets of solidifiable liquid compositions, as opposed to a laser-generated melt pool.

Based upon the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant believes that all claims are in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

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